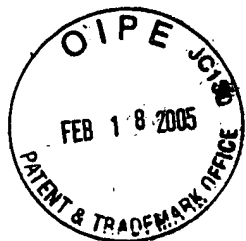


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner of November 30, 2004,
please consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

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Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.